GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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CLOSURE OF COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to close some coal mines in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The decision to close down any mine is taken by the company concerned keeping in view the following considerations :-

i) exhaustion of coal reserves
ii) safety consideration
iii) technical feasibility
iv) economic viability

The Government does not take any decision to close down any mine.